

# **AUSTRALIA CUP FINAL 1967**

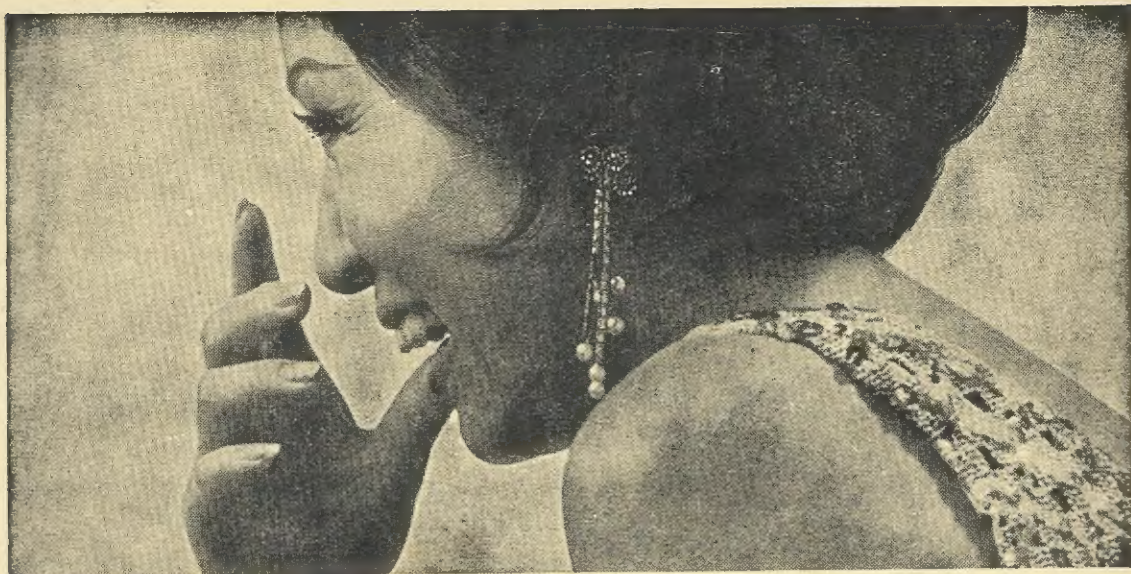


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# Six years ago saw start of the Cup

The Australia Cup, which is growing in stature with each season, is six years old.

Although much had been talked about a nation-wide Cup tournament in the preceding years, even decades, it was not until 1961 that a firm suggestion was made.

The initiative came from Sydney where the late Dr. Henry Seamonds drew up a plan for such a competition.

It is now history that the old and now defunct Victorian Soccer Association threw out the idea even though the clubs were strongly in favour of participating in the Australia Cup.

The split quickly widened and, in December, 1961, led to the formation of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

While the Australia Cup has had a comparatively short history, it has been colourful and often controversial.

These have been the highlights of the last five series:

## 1962

The inaugural Australia Cup was staged from November until early December.

Sponsored by W.D. & H.O. Wills, the series offered prize-money of \$10,000—the richest tournament ever to be staged in Australia by any code of football.

Public interest exceeded all expectation and total attendance was over 100,000.

Sydney clubs dominated the Cup, with Yugal, only promoted to the first division that season, administering a thrashing to Budapest to win the final by 8-1, at Sydney's Wentworth Park before a crowd of 11,000 on December 7.

Yugal's winning team in the final was: Spiegel, Ringhoff, Mucillo, Lazarevic, Stojanovic, Dunaj, Aranyi, Schwarz,

Nincevic, Jelisavcic, and Pacanin.

Four of Yugal's goals were scored by Tiko Jelisavcic, who later became coach of Australia's World Cup team, while the others were scored by Schwarz (2), Nincevic and Pacanin.

Budapest's lone scorer was Buchanan.

## 1963

This time it was Melbourne's turn to take charge of the Australia Cup which was watched by 125,000 spectators.

Slavia scored a 3-2 victory over Polonia in the final replay after a goal-less first match at Melbourne's Olympic Park in front of a crowd of 10,000 on November 3.

The whole first match was televised live to Sydney on the coaxial cable.

The leading four teams in Sydney, Newcastle, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania took part in local elimination matches to determine the quarter finalists on the basis of two each for Sydney and Melbourne and one each from the others.

Slavia's winning team was: Barotajs, Shepherd, Ackerley, Auchie, Cook, Sanchez, Mc-Meechan, Harper, Palmer, McDonagh, and McCorquodale.

Palmer scored all three of the goals for Slavia and Jurecki and Janczyk were Polonia's scorers in the replay.

## 1964

The national title again went to a Melbourne club when George Cross defeated APIA of Sydney by 3-2 after extra time in the final at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on November 1.

The 1964 series was sponsored by Alitalia Airlines.

Clubs in every State, including for the first time Western Australia, had to play off



Archie Blue (Apia)

regionally to qualify for two preliminary rounds.

To make sure the final would at least have an interstate flavour it was decided to oppose teams from the same State in the semi-finals.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final attracted 56,000 spectators and the final drew the largest Australia Cup crowd ever—15,000.

The winning George Cross team was: Hobson, Sacco, McDaid, Brown, Adams, McPherson, Campbell, Goldie, Hodgson, Petersen and Copeland.

Campbell, and own goals by Bottalico and Ackerley, accounted for the George Cross tally, while Apia's goals were scored by Falconer and Jaros.

## 1965

Sydney turned the tables on Melbourne in the following year when Hakoah beat APIA 2-1 in a replay of an all-N.S.W. final at the Showground on November 24.

The first match made Australian Soccer history as both teams were still tied at 1 all after 120 minutes and each

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# TODAY'S PEN PICTURES

## APIA-LEICHHARDT (N.S.W.)

• **Brian Taylor:** Goal-keeper. Age 19. An elegant and effective young Australian-born player who has yet to reach full maturity—but his potential is very much appreciated.

• **George Nuttall:** Right-back. An outstanding English-born player who has been plagued with an injury jinx in recent years. Played for an Australian XI against Chelsea and A.S. Roma, and for Australia against Scotland.

• **Stan Ackerley:** Left-back. A fair-haired English-born defender, who played for Australia in the World Cup matches against North Korea in 1965. A member of the Australian team for the coming tour of South-East Asia.

• **Pat Hughes:** Right-half. Was Australia's captain against Scotland and a shock omission from the coming tour of Asia. A strong, aggressive player who can be relied upon to throw himself heart and soul into every match. This former Scot was one of Australia's top players in this year's matches against Scotland and Manchester United.

• **Cliff Van Blerk:** Centre-half. A tall, dark-haired, former South African international, who goes into the tackle with plenty of vigour. Has represented N.S.W., and was a member of Australia's squad against Scotland.

• **Filippo Bottalico:** Left-half. The captain of Apia, who was born in Egypt of Italian parents. A strong,

aggressive type of player who throws himself, heart and soul into every game.

• **Ernie Campbell:** Right-winger. Age 17. A young player of precocious talent, who went to England for a stint of duty as an apprentice professional with Chelsea. Played for a Sydney XI against Manchester United earlier in the year.

• **Archie Blue:** Inside-right. The motor man of the Apia team who represented Australia against North Korea in the World Cup in 1965, and Scotland earlier in the year. A Scot who played for Slavia and J.U.S.T. before transferring to Sydney in 1966.

• **John Watkiss:** Centre-forward. A tall, powerfully built player who will be a key member of Australia's team on the coming tour of South-East Asia. Has a ferocious shot, and a deceptive turn of speed. Has been one of Australia's top players against Chelsea, North Korea, A.S. Roma and Scotland.

• **Billy Kerklaan:** Inside-left. A Dutch-born player, who was a bargain buy from the Lions club in Melbourne. His speed has enabled him to score many a crucial goal for Apia.

• **Johnny Giacometti:** Left-winger. Has been Sydney's top goal-scorer for the last three years, and won an Australian cap against Scotland. The only Italian-born player in the team has a sudden, thundering shot for goal.

## MELBOURNE H.S.C.

• **Henry Surma:** Goal-keeper. A gifted young player who has been picked to go to Noumea next week with the Australian Under-23 team. It is just a matter of time before he wins a State team spot from the former Czech international star, Wilhelm Schroif.

• **Tom Fowler:** Right-back. A former Scottish junior who has proved a success since joining the Club. A quick-thinking defender who has the knack of being able to play his opposing winger out of the game.

• **Tony Gregal:** Left-back. The veteran of the team, who once played for St. Mirren in Scotland's first division. His experience makes him a formidable opponent for any rival attacker.

• **Ian Shank:** Right-half. A former Scot who has come through the Club's junior ranks to win a place in Melbourne's front team. Makes up for his lack of size with plenty of courage and tenacity.

• **Alistair Scott:** Centre-half. The mainstay of Melbourne's defence with his ability to break up an attack in the air or on the ground in his role as the "stopper." A remarkably consistent player who has rarely been known to have a bad game.

• **Bob Connelly:** Left-half. Was a junior with the famous Liverpool club in England before emigrating. Originally played in the forward line before dropping back to prove a success in a mid-field linking role.

• **Frank McCann:** Right-winger. A former Glasgow junior who gave Soccer away for almost a year before making a comeback in this year's Docherty Cup.

• **Attila Abonyi:** Inside-right. A beautiful mover who has been picked in Australia's team for the coming tour of Asia. Won his first international cup in this year's final match against Scotland and is going to be one of Australia's key forwards for many years to come. Was born in Hungary but learned most of his football in coming through Melbourne's junior ranks. Is certain to be a danger to Apia with his ability to hit in with a sudden, thundering shot for goal.

• **Frank Stoffels:** Centre-forward. A former Wilhelmina player who has struck form as a striker at the right time. Has scored more goals in the Australia and Docherty Cups than he did during the entire premiership series.

• **Peter Kurta:** Inside-left. A young Hungarian-born player who has developed through the Club's junior ranks in company with Abonyi. Did well enough as a second-half replacement in last Sunday's 2-0 win over Juventus to retain his place in the side.

• **Colin Myers:** Left-winger. This English-born winger took part in the recent trials in Sydney from which Australia's team to tour Asia was picked.



converting 14 penalty kicks from 15 attempts.

The semi-finals, for the first and only time, were played on a home-and-away basis, resulting in a 6-3 win for APIA over Hellas, of Victoria, and a 6-2 victory for Hakoah over George Cross.

Great support was given by Ansett-ANA Airlines and once again all States were represented in the early rounds but crowds were down on previous years.

Hakoah's winning team in the final replay was: Fuzes, T. Edwards, Hillsdon, Walsh, Marnoch, D. Edwards, Fekete, Christie, Ninaus, Harding and Holden.

Their goals were scored by Reid and Ninaus, while APIA's scorer was Wong.

Six thousand spectators attended the first match and only 3,500 watched the replay under floodlights.

#### 1966

Third time proved lucky for APIA when the Sydney club captured the Cup for the first time after being narrowly beaten in the previous two finals.

APIA beat Hakoah by 2-0 in another all-Sydney final at Wentworth Park.

Hakoah qualified for the final after a sensational match against South Melbourne Hellas which resulted in the Victorian club being fined and suspended from taking part in the Australia Cup for two years.

The referee was attacked by at least one player when a section of the crowd invaded the field.

APIA's winning team was: Rorke, Van Blerk, Nuttall, Hughes, Sambrook, Bottalico, Giacometti, Campana, Watkiss, Blue, and Kerklaan.

The goals were scored by Campana and Kerklaan.



Australia's captain, John Warren, shows perfect balance as he hits in a shot during the Australian team's training in Sydney for the tour of Asia.

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8 — Archie Blue

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7 — Ernie Campbell

9 — John Watkiss

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# Gamble taken on youth for tour of Asia

By Terry Smith of "The Australian,"  
who will be travelling with the team

Australia's selectors stuck to a simple formula when they picked the 18 players to make a four-week tour of South-East Asia, which starts tomorrow.

There is a hard core of experienced players to form the framework of the side and a liberal sprinkling of younger stars.

The average age of the players to leave Sydney's Mascot airport at 12.30 tomorrow afternoon is only 23.

Only seven of the 19 players have previously represented Australia, and John Warren, Stan Ackerley and John Watkiss are the only survivors of the World Cup team which was beaten by North Korea in 1965.

You can look at the touring party in two different ways.

One school of thought is alarmed at the lack of experience, and fears for the worst if anything should happen to such key players as Warren and Watkiss.

The other is that the selectors deserve a pat on the back for their courage in deciding to blood a number of rising young players with a view to the World Cup finals in 1970.

A number of the newcomers should do extremely well on the tour if the form shown in the pre-tour trials in Sydney can be taken as a guide.

They are headed by Victoria's George Keith, a cool, poised full-back who likes to figure in an attacking foray, and Billy Vojtek, a skilful and penetrating inside-forward.

Tom McColl, of South Australia, is a sharp-shooting forward who is likely to be drafted into a striking role on the tour.

Other new players to impress during the trials were Garry

Wilkins, a full-back from Queensland who loves to attack, and Manfred Schaefer, a blond, sturdily built wing-half from N.S.W.

Schaefer, who came here from Germany as a schoolboy, has an astonishing lung capacity which enables him to seemingly never stop running.

Australia's coach, "Uncle Joe" Vlasits, of N.S.W., is likely to concentrate on developing an aggressive style of play in which our players will challenge for every ball with the energy of youth.

Our players are not lacking in speed and courage and no doubt such players as Watkiss, Allan Westwater, Ackerley, Ray Baartz and Warren will make every use of their physical power.

Undoubtedly the key man is going to be Watkiss, a tall, powerfully built player who, despite his size, has a delicate touch about his play.

He employed a ferocious shot to be a prolific goal scorer before being switched into the defence to act as a centre-half.

The A.S. Roma players were so impressed by his marvelously cool use of the ball that they called him "taccchino fred-do"—the cold turkey.

Warren is one of those rare inside-forwards who combine the ability to score a goal of brilliant virtuosity with a tremendous capacity for work.

I expect to see Westwater throwing himself heart and soul into every game in a bid to gain a policeman's grip on play in mid-field.

And could there be a more combative, a more dashing young player to lead Australia's attack than Baartz, a strongly built 20-year-old centre-forward from Sydney?

Another youthful player who already has been blooded in



John Watkiss

Australia's team and could develop into a key forward on the tour is Attila Abonyi, of Victoria.

Abonyi has elegant control and footwork as well as the ability to hit in a sudden, thundering shot.

Australia's touring party is:

## Goal-keepers

Ron Corry (N.S.W.), 26  
Roger Romanowicz (S.A.), 20

## Full-backs

George Keith (Vic.), 23  
Stan Ackerley (N.S.W.), 24  
Garry Wilkins (Qld.), 22

## Centre-halves

John Watkiss (N.S.W.), 26  
Dick Van Alphen (Vic.), 20

## Wing-halves

Allan Westwater (N.S.W.), 21  
Frank Micic (Vic.), 26  
Manfred Schaefer (N.S.W.), 24  
Ray Lloyd (Northern N.S.W.), 24



## Forwards

*Attila Abonyi (Vic.), 21*  
*Ray Baartz (N.S.W.), 20*  
*John Warren (N.S.W.), 24*  
*Ted De Lyster (S.A.), 20*  
*Tom McColl (S.A.), 22*  
*Ray Richards (Qld.), 23*  
*Billy Vojtek (Vic.), 23*

The managers of the Australian team will be John Barclay, of Victoria, and Jim Connell, of South Australia.

Mr. Barclay, as can be expected from a Scot, has a reputation for calling a spade a spade and is certain to command the respect of every player.

Mr. Connell is more quietly spoken but is certain to prove equally efficient when it comes to dealing with any problems which might arise on the tour.

He has played a leading role in developing South Australia's highly effective youth program which already has produced players such as Roger Romanowicz and Ted De Lyster.

Other officials travelling with the touring party, apart from Vlasits, are Dr. Brian Corrigan, of Sydney, the team's medical officer, Tony Boskovic, the leading referee, and Lou Lazari, that kindly soul from Victoria, who will again be the masseur.

The Australian Soccer Federation has chosen wisely in appointing Dr. Corrigan to make the trip.

He was attached to the Arsenal club during a two-year period of post-graduate study in England and has shown a flair for the curing of sporting

injuries in his capacity as the N.S.W. Cricket Association's honorary doctor.

Boskovic will control a number of the matches in Saigon at the invitation of the South Vietnam Football Federation.

Asian officials are bound to be surprised at his pre-game ritual of swallowing the yolk of two eggs mixed with the juice of a lemon.

The official party will be accompanied by myself, Don Woolford, of AAP-Reuter, and Martin Royal, the well-known Soccer broadcaster and TV commentator, who will represent the Australian Broadcasting Commission and Radio Australia.

This will ensure that Australian Soccer fans receive an up-to-date account of what is happening on the tour.

The tour will open with a prestige international tournament against 10 other nations in Saigon, which will last for a fortnight.

Other International matches will be played in Singapore on November 21 and 23, and in Malaysia on November 25.

Australia's team will be returning home on December 28, following the Indonesian Football Federation's regrettable decision to call off two fixtures arranged in Djakarta for December 1 and 3.

A successful showing as well as sporting behaviour from our team in the Vietnam National Day Sports Festival will provide a boost for Australia's image among the Asian countries.

Australia has been given the honour of figuring in the opening match of the tournament on November 4 against the host country, South Vietnam.

It will be no place for faint hearts when Australia's team takes the field before what is certain to be a strongly partisan local crowd, under the floodlights at the Saigon stadium.

The Australian Soccer Federation's action in picking Warren to captain Australia for the first time on the tour is particularly pleasing.

He is one of the most popular members of the Australian team and has the balanced temperament to be expected from a University graduate in Commerce.



John Warren

A lot of local critics often take the sour approach that Australia's national team is not a truly representative one because it is largely made up of players from overseas.

This has become a thing of the past because no less than 12 members of the touring party to Asia were either born in Australia or came here as schoolboys.

A number of the players in Australia's Under 23 team to make a two-week visit to Noumea, starting on November 3, will be strong contenders for a place in Australia's World Cup squad.

They include South-East Asian tour trialists Ross Kelly, Geoff Morgan, Ray Cush, Denis Paterson and Alan Lind, and 1965 World Cup team member Ian Johnston.

Other players of outstanding potential are John Perin, an inside-forward who moves about the field with a precocious aplomb, and Peter Pont, a left-winger who has a powerful shot.

The team is:

**Goal:** R. Kelly (Qld.), H. Surma (Victoria).

**Full-backs:** D. Johnston (N.S.W.), A. Lind (W.A.), C. Curran (Northern N.S.W.).

**Half-backs:** G. Morgan (N.S.W.), G. Whitaker (Qld.), D. Baker (Victoria), H. Schneider (Northern N.S.W.), R. Cush (N.S.W.).

**Forwards:** L. Armitage (N.S.W.), G. Manuel (N.S.W.), I. Johnston (Qld.), J. Perin (S.A.), P. Pont (Northern N.S.W.), D. Paterson (N.S.W.).

The team will play in a tournament against New Caledonia and New Zealand.



Attila Abonyi



# CUP CHART

Round 1	QUARTER-FINAL	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
MELBOURNE H.S.C. LAUNCESTON	MELBOURNE H.S.C. 2—1	MELBOURNE H.S.C. 2—0	MELBOURNE H.S.C. 2—0
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS CROATIA (VIC.)	CROATIA (VIC.) 2—0		
JUVENTUS (VIC.) J.U.S.T. (VIC.)	JUVENTUS (VIC.) 1—0	JUVENTUS (VIC.) 2—1	
JUVENTUS (S.A.) AZZURRI (W.A.)	JUVENTUS (S.A.) 3—0		
APIA (N.S.W.) JUVENTUS (A.C.T.)	APIA 7—1	APIA 5—0	APIA 2—1
LAKE MACQUARIE (NEW.) SOUTH SYDNEY CROATIA	LAKE MACQUARIE 3—1		
ST. GEO.-BUDAPEST (N.S.W.) PAN HELLENIC (N.S.W.)	PAN HELLENIC 2—1	PAN HELLENIC 2—1	
LATROBE (QLD.) NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL	NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL 4—1		



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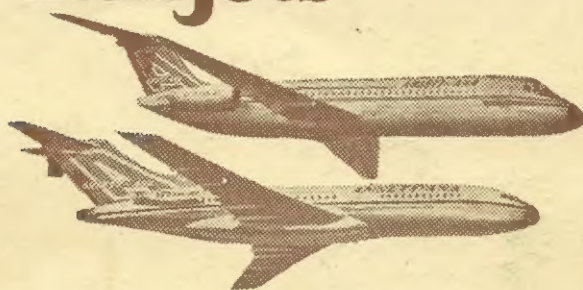


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